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For : SPACER FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SPACER,
AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLE USING SAID
SPACER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent
application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Change the title to --SPACER FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE, METHOD
FOR PRODUCING SAID SPACER, AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLE USING
SAID SPACER--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 4 - 7, 13 and 14 as follows:

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